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LETTER DATED 20 JUNE 1991 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continue to violate Iraqi airspace, as follows:

1. American air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 18 June 1991 amounted to 20 sorties flown by 10 two-aircraft formations, at speeds ranging from 720 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium and low altitudes.

2. The aircraft were identified as F-16s and F-15s. The flights centred over the areas of Mosul, Arbil and Zakho, for the purpose of observation and provocation, achieved by ejecting flares to the north of the area of Sadd al-Mawsil at 1855 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Samir K. K. AL-NIMA
Chargé d'affaires a.i.